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Foreign Office gave us British Government's official reply re proposed visit by Kersten committee to London. There would be no objection, provided:

(1) No public hearings of formal nature were held and inquiry was conducted inconspicuously. (Open interviews in hotel or private premises, without publicity, would be satisfactory).

(2) Findings were not publicized while committee in UK.

(3) Any approach to individual for testimony was demonstrably an invitation which recipient was free to refuse if he chose.

HMG would also prefer, but did not stipulate as condition, that only Kersten (or some single member of committee), with such staff assistants as necessary, rather than full committee, would conduct the inquiry here.

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State Dept. review completed